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SUBJ: SAUDI EDITORIAL COMMENT ON UN AMBASSADOR YOUNG COMPARING
ARABS TO KLU KLUX KLAN

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1. IN ADDITION CRITICAL SAUDI COMMENT ON AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S STATEMENT ON ANOTHER SUBJECT REPORTED REFTTEL,
PAGE ONE COMMENTARY BY ABD AL-BARI ATWAN ON AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S STATEMENT THAT ARAB HATRED OF JEWS REMINDS HIM
OF KLU KLUX KLAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS BLACKS APPEARED LEADING
ARAB-LANGUAGE DAILY, AL-MADINA, APRIL 17. EXTRACTS FOLLOW.

2. "WHEN AMERICAN PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER CHOSE HIS FRIENDS
ANDREW YOUNG AS U.S.AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
WE WELCOMED THE STEP AS GOOD OMEN,
NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS COURAGEOUS STEP ON BEHALF
OF CARTER...BUT BECAUSE YOUNG IS MEMBER OF DEPRIVED
CLASS WHICH...SUFFERED FROM RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE
PAST. THEREFORE, HE CAPABLE MORE THAN OTHERS TO
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UNDERSTAND ARAB RIGHTS AND LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE FOR
RESTORATION OF THESE RIGHTS...."

3. "YET, IT SEEMS OUR PLEASURE AT YOUNG'S SELECTION HAS BEEN IRRELE-
VANT. FOR DESPITE FACT THAT HE CONTINUED HIS SUPPORT
OF THE MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND...STATED
HE PREFERRED THE CUBANS TO FORESTER'S AND SMITH'S

RACIST REGIMES...HE SHOWS A DIFFIRENT STAND TOWARDS THE ARAB CAUSE.
DURING A CLOSED MEETING WITH AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS.
HE SAID ARABS HATRED TOWARDS JEWS REMINDS HIM OF THE SHOWN
BY KLU KLUX KLAN TOWARD AMERICAN BLACKS...."

4. " IN FACT,...ARABS DO NOT HATE JEWS AS JEWS.
RATHER THEY HATE THE ZIONISTS AMONG THEM ZIONISTS...
USURPED ARAB LAND, RENDERED THE PALESTINIANS HOMELESS
AND COMMITTED HORRIBLE CRIMES AGAINST THEM. ARAB
HATRED HAS ITS CAUSES AND JUSTIFICATIONS, BUT THAT OF
MR. YOUNG AGAINST THE ARABS HAS NO BASIS AT ALL...
IF MR. YOUNG DOES NOT KNOW REAL NATURE OF CONFLICT IN
THE ARAB REGION HE SHOULD REFER TO U,N. FILES AND
DISCUSSIONS OF PALESTINIAN QUESTION."

5. "WE DO APPRECIATE YOUNG'S CIRCUMSTANCES,
THE PRESSURES HE IS SUBJECTED TO, AND CRITICISM DIRECTED
TO HIM BUT THESE PRESSURES ARE PRT OF A RACISM STILL
PREVALENT IN U.S. HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT HE
SHOULD SUBVERT THE IDEALS AND VALUES WHICH MADE HIM REACH
HIS PRESENT POSITION...."

6. "WE BLAME ARAB DIPLOMATES AND MISSIONS IN
WASHINGTON AND U.N. BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO
ATTEMPT TO MEET YOUNG AND EXPLAIN TO HIM ARAB POINT OF
VIEW AND NATURE OF CONFLICT IN THE REGION BEFORE HE
FALLS PREY TO ZIONIST GANGS WHICH WILL POSISON HIS
IDEAS AS HAPPENED DURING RECENT MEETING THEY HELD
WITH HIM."
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